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## **KENTUCKY WOMAN CHARGED WITH SENDING “STINK” BOMB THROUGH MAIL**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that HAZEL M. BRASHER, 36, Nortonville, Kentucky, was charged Friday with mailing injurious articles through the United States Mail, following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

BRASHER allegedly sent an envelope containing FLARP Stink Bags which caused an explosion on June 5, 2008 at the Evansville Postal Processing Facility. The information alleges that the explosion occurred while the mail piece was near a postal worker. This worker was sprayed with a white residue by the explosion. The explosion caused a strong odor of sulfur to spread through the processing facility and caused the facility to be temporarily shut down.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BRASHER faces a maximum possible prison sentence of one year and a maximum possible fine of \$100,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville, Indiana.

**The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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